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IOWA MAN SENTENCED FOR ATTEMPTING TO PRODUCE CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Iowa man was sentenced today for attempting to entice a minor in an Internet chat room to meet him and pose for sexually explicit photographs.

Victor Ray Jackson, 48, of Persia, Iowa, was sentenced this afternoon by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey to 17 years and 6 months in prison without parole. In sentencing **Jackson** to the stiffest penalty applicable under the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, Graves said, the court considered **Jackson's** 1989 convictions for the felonies of sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children in District Court at Pottawattamie County, Iowa.

On April 25, 2002, **Jackson** pleaded guilty to attempting to entice a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct. According to Graves, the case stemmed from a proactive investigation by Livingston County Sheriff Steve Cox into pedophiles using the Internet to solicit minors for sexual activity. Posing as "Carrie," purportedly a 13-year-old girl living in Chillicothe, Cox began receiving messages from **Jackson** in early November 2001 through an Internet chat room.

In the course of those Internet chats, Graves said, **Jackson** told "Carrie" that he engaged in child pornography as a side business and had a network of underground connections. He offered to pay her money to pose nude in pictures. **Jackson** arranged a meeting on December 14, 2001, at a Chillicothe motel, where he was arrested.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Katharine Fincham. It was investigated by the Livingston County Sheriff's Department, the FBI, U.S. Customs Service and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.
